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DURING OUR INSPECTION OF US ENGINEER BATTALION'S WORK ON ATLANTIC HIGHWAY MARCH, PRESIDENT LAUGERUD AGAIN RAISED WITH ME HIS STRONG PERSONAL INTEREST IN ACQUIRING THREE ADDITIONAL HELICOPTERS FOR THE GUATEMALAN AIR FORCE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. HE ASKED HOW SOON I THOUGHT THE HELICOPTERS COULD ARRIVE. I TOLD HIM I HAD NOT YET RECEIVED AN ETA, BUT THAT I UNDERSTOOD A SEARCH WAS ON TO IDENTIFY UNITS THAT MIGHT BE DELIVERED TO GUATEMALA AND THAT PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS WOULD BE WAIVED TO MAXIMUM POSSIBLE EXTENT. PRESIDENT SAID HE COULD GIVE ME HIS PERSONAL ASSURANCE FOR THE URGENT NEED FOR THESE AIRCRAFT IN VIEW OF THE STORM THAT WOULD BE PLACED ON EVERY AVAILABLE RESOURCE OF THE GUATEMALAN GOVERNMENT ONCE THE RAINY SEASON, AND THE FLOODS AND LANDSLIDES THAT ARE ANTICIPATED, BEGIN. I HOPE THAT EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO EXPEDITE A FAVORABLE RESPONSE.

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